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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JASON CARDIFF, et al.

Defendants.

Case No.: 5:18-cv-02104-SJO  
(PLAx)

**REQUEST FOR LEAVE TO  
FILE EX PARTE APPLICATION  
FOR ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
AS TO WHY AMY POPOFF  
CARDIFF, CHRISTOPHER  
ABERNATHY, ESQ, KATARI  
BUCK, ESQ. AND BROOK  
ASIATICO SHOULD NOT BE  
HELD IN COMTEMPT FOR  
VIOLATIONS OF THE STAY  
ORDER**

**Hearing: Not Set  
Courtroom 8C  
Hon. Dolly M. Gee**

1 Jason and Eunjung Cardiff request leave of Court to file an Ex Parte  
2 Application to Enforce the Stay Provision of the Preliminary Injunction or, in the  
3 Alternative, to issue an Order to Show Cause as to Why Amy Popoff Cardiff Should  
4 Not Be Held in Contempt of the Stay Provision of the Preliminary Injunction.  
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6 The Preliminary Injunction was entered on November 8, 2018. Section  
7 XXI enjoined and stayed any actions by creditors and other parties from “seeking to  
8 establish or enforce any claim right or interest against or on behalf of Defendants,  
9 and all others acting for or on behalf of such persons, are hereby enjoined from  
10 taking action that would interfere with exclusive jurisdiction of the Court... over the  
11 Assets of Jason Cardiff and Eunjung Cardiff....” On January 25, 2021, Amy Popoff  
12 Cardiff, through counsel Christopher Abernathy, obtained an Order that directed the  
13 Receiver to pay \$72,500 in child support. Prior to that time, the Receiver’s attorney,  
14 Michael Fletcher had communications with either Katari Buck or Brooke Asiatico  
15 regarding payment of child support from Mr. Cardiff’s job at VPL Medical (which  
16 he is still paying) and likely discussed the preliminary injunction and asset freeze  
17 with them. Mr. Abernathy then attended a hearing on January 14, 2021 and a  
18 Findings and Order After Hearing was entered in Case Number FAMRS 1100452  
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1 In a phone discussion with undersigned counsel on March 2, 2022, Ms. Buck  
2 confirmed that “we” (referring to herself and likely Ms Asiatico) were aware of the  
3 Preliminary Injunction/asset freeze and wanted to obtain an order in case additional  
4 funds could be obtained from the receivership. The Order is now preventing the  
5 Cardiffs from closing on their home.  
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8 Counsel has conferred with Ms. Buck and distributed a draft of an ex parte  
9 motion to her stressing the seriousness of violating an order of the Court, particularly  
10 an order that may well result in losing the sale of the residence, which is set to close  
11 tomorrow. Counsel had several email exchanges with Mr. Abernathy exchanging  
12 information and asking if he was aware of the Preliminary Injunction before he took  
13 steps to seek an order from the Superior Court. He did not respond when first asked  
14 this question. Counsel sent a follow up email specifically asking that question, but  
15 received no response.  
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19 Loss of the sale of the Cardiff residence will result in a loss of \$200,000 for  
20 the Interpleader Actions.  
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22 The Court should enter an order directing that the judgment is unenforceable  
23 against the Cardiff residence because it was obtained in violation of the stay. An  
24 Order to Show Cause should be issued against Amy Popoff Cardiff, Christopher  
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1 Abernathy, Esq., Katari Buck, Esq. and Brooke Asiatico, Esq. for violation of the  
2 Preliminary Injunction.  
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4 Dated: March 3, 2022  
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6 Very respectfully,  
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26 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**  
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28 I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing instrument, has  
29 been served on this \_\_\_ day of March 2022 upon all counsel of record by email,  
30 facsimile, by regular mail or pursuant to the Court's ECF system.  
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32 /s/ Stephen R. Cochell  
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